

Minutes
Maidstone Selectboard Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting: In-Person at Town Hall - 508 VT Rte 102 and via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82523445058?pwd=RktkcUlKaWdmWnNrMTMyL2JNdUhnUT09>

Members Present at Town Hall (in person): Scott Lovell, Brad McVetty, Bruno McKenzie

Town Officials and Staff Present at Town Hall (in person): Tammy Haas

Also Present at the Town Hall (in person): Valerie Foy

Town Officials and Staff Present via Zoom: Amy Pear, Bob and Andy Champagn-Willis, Bruce Barker, Sandra Gray, Laurie Snowman

Also Present via Zoom: Linwood Mixer, Burt Kline, Sam and Carol Gorham, Jan Barker

Chairman Bruno McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

APPROVE MINUTES:

- Review and approve the draft minutes from the Selectboard Meeting on April 6, 2026 – Scott made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the April 6, 2026, meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

SELECTBOARD:

- Sign Highway Annual Financial Plan – The Selectboard reviewed and signed the Highway Annual Financial Plan.
- Discuss 250th Committee language change for excess money – It was discussed in Guildhall that any excess money from the 250th Celebration be donated to a non-profit. Riverside Resue and Stable Connections were mentioned. The town of Guildhall is still discussing this option. The Selectboard decided to wait and see if there is excess money then decide what to do with it. Valerie provided the Selectboard with an updated list of vendors and expenses to date. Help with the town float and someone to cook hamburgers and hot dogs are still needed.
- Discuss and approve Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027 – Scott made a motion to authorize the Selectboard for the Town of Maidstone to open and sign for a tax anticipation note with Passumpsic Bank in the amount of \$250,000 maturing on June 30, 2027. If the TAN is needed the Selectboard will issue a written notice authorizing the Treasurer to draw a specific amount against the TAN. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Discuss the dates of Ray Lovell on P/C and ZBA for the correct year (2028) – Scott made a motion to change the dates for Ray Lovell on the Planning Commission and the Zone Board Administration to the correct year of 2028. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
- Discuss and approve Act 181 Letter – Scott made a motion to approve the Act 181 Letter that Tammy wrote. Brad seconded the motion.

There was discussion. Bob informed the Selectboard that the latest on Act 181 is that it is now in front of the House Economics Committee. Their language for the bill is to repeal Tier 3 and the Road Rule. This is what our letter is asking. It will have to go back to the Senate because it is different. Linwood Mixer thanked the Selectboard for writing the letter. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER: The roads have been graded. The speed limit signs came in, and Brad has the posts and anchors. Maidstone received a small grant to access the hydraulically connected road segments. If anybody knows anyone that wants to do that let Brad know. Linwood asked if the road ban might be lifted before the 15th. Brad said that the Westside Lake Road is still pretty soft so the road ban will remain in effect for now, but Brad will be checking it out.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

- Update about activities of the Town Clerk's Office – Household hazardous waste collection day has been posted outside the building and on the website. A reminder email has also been sent out. Saturday Northeast Waste Management will be at the Town Hall from 8 am to 12 pm. The every week recycle pickup has been started and recycling will be picked up a little late tonight May 4th. Our website is getting full, so Amy is working on purging that rather than buying more space.
- State Homeland Security Grant Program – This is an election security grant, and it has to come from the Selectboard. This grant would be for some cameras and an upgraded security system. The Selectboard decided that cameras were not necessary and the grant will not be needed.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER:

- Budget to Actual - Bob provided the Selectboard with the Budget to Actual. We have finished the tax collection season for 2025. We now have two large checks to go out. The check to NEK Choice School District has gone out already. The check to the State will go out by June 1st.
- Selectboard Warrant - Bob provided the Selectboard with the Warrant for April. The May warrant will be much larger because it will have the school payments and all of the donations that were mailed today.
- Following the Education tax rates for fiscal year 2027. It has now left the Senate Finance Committee. It looks right now like there will be a 16% - 17% increase for the non-homestead tax rate.
- Bruno asked if going forward when milage requests are submitted the request contains the reason for mileage.

REPORT FROM THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

- Delinquent Tax Collector Report – 2025 unpaid taxes have been moved to the delinquent tax collector. Usually there is an increase each year in the amount turned over. This year we had a decrease.

REPORT FROM THE LISTERS: The listers are making steady progress on closing out the Grand List from the April 1st, 2026, evaluation. The equalization study has been completed. The next step for the listers is to do the site visits. Tuesday May 26th has been set as the day to do site visits for locations with active permits. The grievance process will start in the second week of June.

Bruno would like a letter to go out to property owners regarding applying for a state permit before applying for a Town permit. There is no reason to apply for a Town permit if it is not going to be approved by the state. He would also like before and after pictures taken. The Listers will be able to provide him with the names and addresses for this letter.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

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ADJOURN: The business of the meeting concluded. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.